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DECISION

Mr. Leo Snow, et al P.O. Box 51 Jensen, UT 84035

Sno-Ben #1

DIVISION OF OIL GAS & MINING

Notice of Noncompliance Rescinded Surface Management Case Closed

On June 10, 1991, an inspection was made of the area where you had conducted operations on the Sno-Ben #1 placer mining claim location. The Area Manager of the Book Cliffs Resource Area has reported to me that there is sufficient vegetative cover at this site and that reclamation is considered complete. Based upon this information, the Notice of Noncompliance issued January 10, 1990, is rescinded and the surface management case, for your past operations conducted under notice on the Sno-Ben #1 location, is closed.

Separately, I also want to remind you that, because reclamation of the Sno-Ben #4 and #5 locations has not been fully completed, you have a continuing record of noncompliance. A requirement still exists that you and/or Mr. Bennett must file a Plan of Operations in accordance with 43 CFR 3809.1-5 for all future operations on mining claims located on lands administered by the Vernal District Office of the Bureau of Land Management. This applies to all future operations except those defined as casual use under 43 CFR 3809.0-5(b) and conducted under 43 CFR 3809.1-2. The requirement for filing a Plan of Operations specifically includes those operations that normally would have been conducted under a Notice filed under 3809.1-3. For operators with an existing record of noncompliance, all subsequent operations conducted under a Plan of Operation are required to be bonded for 100 percent of the estimated reclamation costs under Bureau policy dated 8/14/90.

You have the right of appeal to the Utah State Director, Bureau of Land Management, in accordance with 43 CFR 3809.4. If you exercise this right, your appeal, accompanied by a statement of reasons and any arguments you wish to present, which would justify reversal or modification of the decision, must be filed in writing at this office within 30 days after the date of this decision. This decision will remain in effect during appeal unless a written request for a stay is granted.

Sincerely

David E. Little District Manager

cc: Harold Bennett (Certified)

Lowell Braxton, (Div. of Oil, Gas, and Mining)

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